

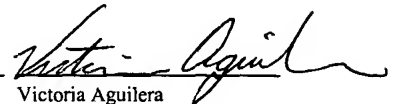


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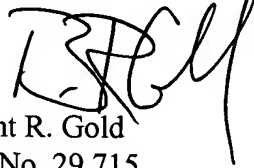
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of Application Serial Number 09/140,034, filed 08/26/1998, now U.S. Patent Number 6,038,484.

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Respectfully submitted,



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